



## SYNTHETIC MINOR OPERATING PERMIT

**PERMITTEE:** GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

FACILITY NAME: DECATUR PLANT OPERATIONS

LOCATION: DECATUR, ALABAMA

PERMIT NUMBER DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT, ARTICLE OR DEVICE

712-0025-X007 Refrigerator Assembly Lines 2 and 3

In accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act of 1971, as amended, <u>Ala. Code</u> §§22-28-1 to 22-28-23 (2006 Rplc. Vol. and 2007 Cum. Supp.) (the "AAPCA") and the Alabama Environmental Management Act, as amended, <u>Ala. Code</u> §§22-22A-1 to 22-22A-15 (2006 Rplc. Vol. and 2007 Cum. Supp.), and rules and regulations adopted there under, and subject further to the conditions set forth in this permit, the Permittee is hereby authorized to construct, install and use the equipment, device or other article described above.

**ISSUANCE DATE: DRAFT** 

## GE APPLIANCES DECATUR, ALABAMA (PERMIT NO. 712-0025-X007) PROVISOS

- 1. This permit is issued on the basis of Rules and Regulations existing on the date of issuance. In the event additional Rules and Regulations are adopted, it shall be the permit holder's responsibility to comply with such rules.
- 2. This permit is not transferable. Upon sale or legal transfer, the new owner or operator must apply for a permit within 30 days.
- 3. A new permit application must be made for new sources, replacements, alterations or design changes which may result in the issuance of, or an increase in the issuance of, air contaminants, or the use of which may eliminate or reduce or control the issuance of air contaminants.
- 4. Each point of emission will be provided with sampling ports, ladders, platforms, and other safety equipment to facilitate testing performed in accordance with procedures established by Part 60 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as the same may be amended or revised.
- 5. In case of shutdown of air pollution control equipment for scheduled maintenance for a period greater than **1** hour, the intent to shut down shall be reported to the Air Division at least 24 hours prior to the planned shutdown, unless accompanied by the immediate shutdown of the emission source.
- 6. In the event there is a breakdown of equipment in such a manner as to cause increased emission of air contaminants for a period greater than **1 hour**, the person responsible for such equipment shall notify the Air Division within an additional 24 hours and provide a statement giving all pertinent facts, including the duration of the breakdown. The Air Division shall be notified when the breakdown has been corrected.
- 7. This process, including all air pollution control devices and capture systems for which this permit is issued, shall be maintained and operated at all times in a manner so as to minimize the emissions of air contaminants. Procedures for ensuring that the above equipment is properly operated and maintained so as to minimize the emission of air contaminants shall be established.
- 8. This permit expires and the application is cancelled if construction has not begun within 24 months of the date of issuance of the permit.
- 9. On completion of construction of the device for which this permit is issued, notification of the fact is to be given to the Chief of the Air Division. Authorization to operate the unit must be received from the Chief of the Air Division. Failure to notify the Chief of the Air Division of completion of construction and/or operation without authorization could result in revocation of this permit.

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- 10. Submittal of other reports regarding monitoring records, fuel analyses, operating rates, and equipment malfunctions may be required as authorized in the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations. The Department may require stack emission testing at any time.
- 11. Additions and revisions to the conditions of this Permit will be made, if necessary, to ensure that the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations are not violated.
- 12. Nothing in this permit or conditions thereto shall negate any authority granted to the Air Division pursuant to the Alabama Environmental Management Act or regulations issued thereunder.
- 13. The Air Division must be notified in writing at least 10 working days in advance of all emission tests to be conducted and submitted as proof of compliance with the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations.

To avoid problems concerning testing methods and procedures, the following shall be included with the notification letter:

- (a) The date the test crew is expected to arrive, the date and time anticipated of the start of the first run, how many and which sources are to be tested, and the names of the persons and/or testing company that will conduct the tests.
- (b) A complete description of each sampling train to be used, including type of media used in determining gas stream components, type of probe lining, type of filter media, and probe cleaning method and solvent to be used (if test procedure requires probe cleaning).
- (c) A description of the process(es) to be tested, including the feed rate, any operating parameter used to control or influence the operations, and the rated capacity.
- (d) A sketch or sketches showing sampling point locations and their relative positions to the nearest upstream and downstream gas flow disturbances.

A pretest meeting may be held at the request of the source owner or the Department. The necessity for such a meeting and the required attendees will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

All test reports must be submitted to the Air Division within 30 days of the actual completion of the test, unless an extension of time is specifically approved by the Air Division.

14. This permit is issued with the condition that, should obnoxious odors arising from the plant operations be verified by Air Division inspectors, measures to abate the odorous emissions shall be taken upon a determination by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management that these measures are technically and economically feasible.

15. Precautions shall be taken to prevent fugitive dust emanating from plant roads, grounds, stockpiles, screens, dryers, hoppers, ductwork, etc.

Plant or haul roads and grounds will be maintained in the following manner so that dust will not become airborne. A minimum of one, or a combination, of the following methods shall be utilized to minimize airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds:

- (a) by the application of water any time the surface of the road is sufficiently dry to allow the creation of dust emissions by the act of wind or vehicular traffic;
- (b) by reducing the speed of vehicular traffic to a point below that at which dust emissions are created;
- (c) by paving;
- (d) by the application of binders to the road surface at any time the road surface is found to allow the creation of dust emissions;

Should one, or a combination, of the above methods fail to adequately reduce airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds, alternative methods shall be employed, either exclusively or in combination with one or all of the above control techniques, so that dust will not become airborne. Alternative methods shall be approved by the Department prior to utilization.

- 16. The permittee shall not use as a defense in an enforcement action that maintaining compliance with conditions of this permit would have required halting or reducing the permitted activity.
- 17. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.
- 19. Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds from this facility shall not exceed 99 tons per year in any consecutive rolling 12-month period, based on the emissions factors determined by testing or approved as appropriate for the process. If the emission of Volatile Organic Compounds exceeds this limit, then ADEM shall be notified in writing within 10 days of the exceedance. Accurate and understandable records of Volatile Organic Compound consumption which records at least the last two years of data will be maintained in a permanent form suitable for inspection and be available immediately upon request. These records shall contain the following information:
  - A. The type and quantity of each Volatile Organic Compound containing material used during each calendar month.
  - B. The Volatile Organic Compound content by weight of each material used shall be determined using EPA Method 24, as defined in 40 CFR 60, Appendix A, or equivalent vendor data approved by the Department in advance.
  - C. Compliance with Volatile Organic Compound limits shall be based upon monthly material use inventories. Emissions may be adjusted for the Volatile Organic

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- Compound content of materials removed from the plant as waste or returns if the record keeping and details surrounding the materials are approved in advance.
- D. Complete inventories of Volatile Organic Compound containing materials (their usage and Volatile Organic Compound content) shall be made at the end of each month.
- E. The amount of each Volatile Organic Compound emitted each calendar month expressed in units of pounds and tons.
- F. The rolling 12-month total of each Volatile Organic Compound emitted expressed in units of pounds and tons.
  - A report summarizing the above information shall be submitted each calendar quarter by the 15th day of the month following the end of the quarter, in a format approved by the Department in advance.
- 20. Within 10 days of the end of each month, compliance with all emission limits will be determined. These records shall be maintained for 2 years. Should this facility, at any time, exceed the limits in this permit, the Air Division must be notified within ten (10) days of the identified exceedance.
- 21. This facility shall not emit any pollutant in excess of the major source thresholds as defined in ADEM Administrative Code R. 335-3-16-.01. If any emission rate exceeds this threshold, then ADEM shall be notified in writing within 10 days of the exceedance.

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